

February 1, 2013

Chairman Ryan Osmundson
Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government
VIA EMAIL – ryanosmundson@gmail.com

Dear Chairman Osmundson;

The Board of Directors of the Great Falls Business Improvement District (BID), representing 164 property owners, would like to express their support of the Montana Main Street Program and encourage you to do the same.

The Montana Main Street Program provides many communities in Montana with critical funding and professional and technical support for local efforts to preserve and enhance their historic main streets.

Great Falls has directly benefited from the Main Street program:

- In 2009, we hosted The Art of Downtown with Colleen Rudio and Brett Campbell
- In 2010, we hosted Every Business Has a Billboard with Susan Shaddox
- In 2011, we hosted Appropriate Downtown Design Solutions with Joe Lawniczak
- In 2012, we were privileged to host the 5th Annual Montana Downtown Conference, which would not be possible to run without the support of the Montana Main Street program.
- In addition to hosting the conference, with financial support from the Main Street Program, we were able to host Donovan Rypkema as he presented 100 Common Denominators of Successful Downtowns during the conference.
- In 2013, we plan to put the remaining funds for Great Falls for this fiscal year toward a website for the newly formed Downtown Development Partnership.

These programs would not have been possible without the Montana Main Street Program. A continued investment in our main streets is crucial.

Sincerely,

Andy Ferrin

Andy Ferrin, Board Chair
Great Falls Business Improvement District



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